

Provisional Vital Statistics for November 2004

Live births increased in November as 6,945 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,009 in November 2003. Cumulative births for the 11- and 12-month periods ending with November also show increases.

Deaths increased in November as 4,087 Missourians died compared with 3,820 one year earlier. Cumulative deaths for the 11- and 12-month periods ending with November also show increases.

The **Natural increase** in November was 2,858 (6,945 births minus 4,087 deaths). For January to November the natural increase rose slightly from 20,524 to 21,039.

Marriages increased in November as 2,422 Missouri couples married compared with 1,942 one year earlier. However, marriages declined substantially for the 11- and 12-month periods ending with November.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased slightly for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with November the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.78 to 1.63.

Infant deaths rate decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January to November, the infant death rate decreased from 8.1 to 7.3 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	<u>November</u>				<u>Jan.-Nov. cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with November</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Live Births	6,009	6,945	12.4	14.7	69,682	72,031	13.4	13.7	76,572	77,879	13.4	13.4	13.6
Deaths.....	3,820	4,087	7.9	8.7	49,158	50,992	9.4	9.7	54,037	55,240	9.8	9.5	9.6
Natural increase.....	2,189	2,858	4.5	6.1	20,524	21,039	3.9	4.0	22,535	22,639	3.6	4.0	3.9
Marriages.....	1,942	2,422	4.0	5.1	37,860	34,090	7.3	6.5	40,250	36,216	7.4	7.1	6.3
Dissolutions.....	1,954	1,778	4.0	3.8	20,633	20,356	4.0	3.9	22,570	22,169	4.0	4.0	3.9
Infant deaths.....	46	48	7.7	6.9	566	523	8.1	7.3	625	564	8.5	8.2	7.2
Population base..... (in thousands)	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,663	5,701	5,736

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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